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Over 3,000 Young People Will Celebrate July as Parks and Recreation Month During Annual Let's Play Carnival

Houston Parks and Recreation Department's Summer Enrichment Program youth will come together at Sunnyside Park on Friday, July 21, 2017, for the department's annual Let's Play Carnival. The event celebrates July as national Parks and Recreation Month by bringing young people from the department's summer enrichment programs together to participate in a variety of outdoor and indoor summer activities.

WHO: Over 3,000 Summer Enrichment Program Youth

Houston Parks and Recreation Department staff

WHAT: HPARD's Let's Play Carnival

WHEN: Friday, July 21, 2017

10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

WHERE: Sunnyside Park

3502 Bellfort

Houston, TX 77051

The Let's Play Carnival emphasizes fun, nature and fitness. Participating children will be challenged to take part in sports stations, games, fitness obstacle courses, a shuttle run, golf skills drills, tugs-of-war, target and soccer challenges, and much more. They will have the opportunity to visit a state of the art Houston Fire Department ladder truck and smoke house, a Houston Police Department squad car, and a Houston Public Library Video Games Mobile.

The event is open only to children currently enrolled in the Houston Parks and Recreation Department's Summer Enrichment Program, a ten-week long day camp-style program that takes place at HPARD community centers across the city.

The Houston Parks and Recreation Department (H.P.A.R.D.) stewards and manages over 37,851 acres of parkland and greenspace for the City of Houston and develops and implements recreational programming for citizens of all abilities. For more information on the Houston Parks and Recreation Department, call (832) 395-7022 or visit www.houstonparks.org.